GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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MULTIPLE VOICES MOBILES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently certain Chinese mobiles were being sold in the Indian market which had a software by which one could talk in eight different voices;

(b) if so, whether such mobiles are being smuggled into the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) The import of mobile handsets are freely allowed in the Import and Export Policy at zero per cent basic custom duty and these mobile handsets may have certain value added features.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Do not arise in view of (b) above.